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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 25

Two BRASS KNOB missions, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Preliminary analysis of the aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

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1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

There are a total of 13 BEAGLE/MASCOT as follows: 4 complete aircraft; 2 complete except for engines; 2 with wings but no tail assembly; 2 with wings being removed; and 3 aircraft fuselages. Twenty fuselage crates are scattered along taxiways and parking aprons. On the [REDACTED] coverage, 6 of the 13 aircraft were complete.

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2. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

Only 5 BEAGLE fuselage crates are observed through scattered clouds over the airfield. Two tractors with trailers are parked near the crates, and one tractor with trailer is moving at the northeast end of the runway. There are fewer smaller crates at the airfield than previously observed. Aircraft observed are 4 FAGOT and one CRATE. There is no apparent change in airfield facilities or defenses since [REDACTED]

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3. HAVANA PORT

Vessels observed in the port include one passenger ship, 26 freighters, one tanker, 2 PC, and 2 PF, and numerous small craft.

4. MATANZAS PORT

One large freighter is apparently loading. Center hatch approximately [REDACTED] feet. Large crates and vehicles noted adjacent to vessel. One small tanker, one patrol craft, and two small craft are noted. No military or unusual activity noted.

5. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

Four freighters and one large barge are sighted at the port: two of the freighters and the barge are on the north side of the pier; one freighter is alongside a pier in the northeast area of the port; and the other freighter is probably fueling at the refinery. The harbor boom is open. There are no apparent changes in port facilities since [REDACTED]

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6. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

There is no apparent change at this port since [REDACTED]

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7. CASILDA PORT

No military activity is observed on piers or access roads. There are only several small craft in the harbor.

8. CAIBARIEN PORT

There is no evidence of military equipment in harbor area or on access roads. The only vessels in the harbor are numerous small craft and barges.

9. CIENFUEGOS PORT

One freighter and one tanker are seen on partial coverage of the port facilities. There are no apparent changes in port facilities since [REDACTED]

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10. LA ISABELA PORT

No military equipment is observed on piers. There are no large vessels in port, although there are numerous small craft and barges.

11. CARDENAS PORT

Numerous small craft in or near port facilities. Numerous rail cars are at yard at East end of port facilities and on piers. One schooner is tied up at large pier. No unusual activity or military traffic noted in port or adjacent roads.

12. CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

There are approximately 20 possibly missile-related vehicles in the area, but obliquity precludes a detailed interpretation.

13. SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, TANK PARK

Eight missile transporters and numerous tanks and other vehicles are parked throughout the area. Eight large and 8 small tents are observed in the facility. Cloud cover and cloud shadow preclude further details.

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14. ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP

Seven barracks-type buildings are completed in the camp and 13 are still under construction. Road-improvement work is in progress throughout the area. There is no apparent change in equipment or tents since [REDACTED]

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15. REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

No apparent change since [REDACTED] Construction continuing.

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16. HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP

There is no apparent change in the camp area since [REDACTED]

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17. MAYARI ARriba MILITARY INSTALLATION

Approximately 40 crates, 30 vehicles, and several canvas-covered vehicles among the trees in the area. There are 8 trailer-type vehicles in parking area, and several vehicles on the roads both within and outside the area.

18. ISLE OF PINES

Photography over the Isle of Pines reveals no apparent change in the Siguanea Cruise Missile Site since [REDACTED]. There are no aircraft observed at the 2 airfields covered--Siguanea, and Colonel Martin Marrerro, although only portions of Siguanea are observed. There are no changes noticed at the first airfield, but runway construction at Colonel Martin Marrerro is apparently continuing. Two unidentified vessels, one barge, and 3 small craft are observed at Nueva Gerona Port.

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19. LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Heavy clouds and obliquity do not allow interpretation.

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] is completed. Immediate photographic interpretation reports (IPIRs) on these missions are being published as NPIC/R-1114/62 and NPIC/R-1115/62.

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